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SUBJECT: SHAKE-UP IN ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS MAJOR
GOVERNMENT CHANGES

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED NEWSPAPERS MARCH 8 ANNOUNCE NUMBER
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OF CHANGES IN PARTY AND GOVERNMENT, AS DETERMINED AT CENTRAL
COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 7. FOCUS IS ON ECONOMIC MANAGE-
MENT AND, WITH ONE EXCEPTION, ALL IMPORTANT GOVERNMENTAL
CHANGES ARE IN THAT SPHERE.

2. GOVERNMENT CHANGES

ARE, FIRST DEPUTY PREMIER: TWO MEN WERE NAMED, ILIE VERDET AND GHEORGHE OPREA, BOTH FORMERLY DEPUTY PREMIERS, TO THIS NEW TITLE;

B. DEPUTY PREMIERS: VIRGIL CAZACU, AMBASSADOR TO YUGO-SLAVIA, IS SINGLE NEW DEPUTY PREMIER; WHILE THREE FORMER DEPUTY PREMIERS WERE REMOVED; MIHAI MARINESCU, EMIL DRAGANESCU AND ION STANESCU.

C. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: CORNEL BURTICA REPLACES ION PATAN.

D. MINISTRY OF TECHNICAL MATERIAL SUPPLY AND CONTROL OF FIXED ASSETS:

-- ION PATAN REPLACES MAXIM BERGHIANU; ALSO NAMED PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO C.E.M.A.

--RICHARD WINTER, FIRST SECRETARY OF SIBIU JUDET, NAMED MINISTER, STATE SECRETARY; A NEW POSITION.

E. MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION:

--DEPUTY PREMIER GHEORGHE CIOARA CONFIRMED AS MINISTER, IN WHICH POSITION HE HAD BEEN ACTING SINCE REMOVAL LAST NOVEMBER OF VASILE BUMBACE FOR FINANCIAL IRREGULARITIES.

--ION STANESCU, NO LONGER DEPUTY PREMIER, NAMED MINISTER, STATE SECRETARY; A NEW POSITION.

F. STATE PLANNING COMMITTEE:

--ILIE VERDET VICE MIHAI MARINESCU AS CHAIRMAN.

-- CORNEL ONESCU, FIRST SECRETARY OF TELEORMAN JUDET, NAMED FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN AND MINISTER, STATE SECRETARY.

G. COUNCIL ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATION:
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--CONSTANTIN DASCALESCU NAMED CHAIRMAN VICE VERDET, WITH RECOMMENDATION THAT HE BE REPLACED AS PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL UNION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION COOPERATIVES.

--MIHAI MARINESCU (WHO LOSES POSITIONS OF DEPUTY PREMIER AND CHAIRMAN OF STATE PLANNING COMMITTEE) NAMED FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN, VICE IOACHIM MOGA.

H. MINISTRY OF FINANCE: PAAL NICULESCU (-MIZIL) REPLACES FLOREA DUMITRESCU.

G. MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR:

--NICOLAE DOICARU REMOVED AS FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER.

--TUDOR POSTELNICU, FIRST SECRETARY OF BUZAU JUDET, NAMED TO THE NEW POSITION OF MINISTER, STATE SECRETARY, WHO ALSO SERVES AS CHIEF OF NEWLY-CREATED DEPARTMENT OF STATE SECURITY.

--ION SAVU, A PARTY SECRETARY OF OLT JUDET, NAMED TO ONE OF FOUR DEPUTY MINISTER POSITIONS AND AS SECRETARY OF THE MINISTER POLITICAL COUNCIL.

I. MINISTRY OF TOURISM: NICOLAE DOICARU REPLACES ION COSMA.

J. NATIONAL COUNCIL

FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS/

MINISTRY OF SPORT: EMIL DRAGANESCU NAMED CHAIRMAN OF

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THE COUNCIL (VICE LT. GEN. MARIN DRAGNEA), A POSITION
WHICH IS CONCURRENTLY ELEVATED TO MINISTERIAL RANK AS
MINISTER OF SPORT.

K. MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: ILIE RADULESCU, FIRST
SECRETARY OF HUNEDOARA JUDET (WHICH INCLUDES JIU VALLEY),
NAMED MINISTER, SECRETARY OF STATE.

L. COMMITTEE FOR PROBLEMS OF PEOPLES COUNCILS: VASILE
POTOP REMOVED ASSNIRST VICE CHAIRMAN.

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3. CHANGES IN THE PARTY HIERARCHY, AS ANNOUNCED, ARE:

PARTY SECRETARIES:

--VERDET AND BURTICA WERE BOTH RELIEVED OF THEIR DUTIES AS PARTY SECRETARIES; PRESUMABLY TO ALLOW THEM TO DEVOTE FULL TIME TO THEIR NEW GOVERNMENT POSITIONS.

--ION STANESCU AND AUREL DUMA WERE BOTH RELIEVED.

--VIRGIL CAZACU, CURRENTLY AMBASSADOR TO YUGOSLAVIA NAMED AS DEPUTS PREMIER, AND VASILE MARIN, FIRST SECRETARY OF IALOMITA JUDET WHO WAS NAMED ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION COOPERATIVES (VICE CONSTANTIN DASCALESU), ARE THE TWO NEW APPOINTEES.

POLITICAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, PERMANENT BUREAU:

PAUL NICULESCU BECOMES ONLY NEW MEMBER, SINCE PATAN AND OPREA MEMBERSHIPS ARE MERELY CONFIRMED.

POLITICAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

VIRGIL CAZACU AND CONSTANTIN DASCALESU ARE THE TWO CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ELEVATED TO THE POLEXCO.

4. PAPERS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT PARTY PLENUM WILL BE HELD MARCH 22 END UNCLASSIFIED.

5. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL WE UNDERSTAND THAT GOVERNMENTAL CHANGES MAY HAVE TAKEN PLACE AS EARLY AS MARCH 6. RUMORS ARE CIRCULATING THAT THERE ARE ADDITIONAL CHANGES YET TO BE ANNOUNCED. SPECULATION REVOLVES PRIMARILY AROUND HUNGARIANS; I.E., JANOS FAZEKAS. THERE ARE NOW FOUR VACANCIES IN THE JUDETE, AND THE UP-COMING PARTY PLENUM COULD PROVIDE THE OCCASION FOR ANNOUNCING THESE REPLACEMENTS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL CHANGES. WE ARE PREPARING A SEPARATE MESSAGE ANALYZING THE CHANGES ANNOUNCED TODAY.

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